



MINUTES

CMAQ Project Selection Committee

Tuesday, August 28, 2012 - 2:00 p.m.
CMAP Offices

Committee Members Present: Ross Patronsky, Chair (CMAP), Chris Snyder (counties), Bruce Carmitchel (IDOT), Larry Keller (Council of Mayors), Mark Pitstick (RTA), David Seglin (City of Chicago), Mike Rogers (IEPA)

Staff Present: Patricia Berry, Kama Dobbs, Doug Ferguson, Tom Murtha, Holly Ostdick, Jose Rodriguez, Joy Schaad

Others Present: Pat Barker, Lenny Cannata, Bruce Christensen, Tanya Cohn, John Donovan, Chalen Daigle (via phone), Brian Fairwood, Terry Heffron, Dave, Landeweer, Aimee Lee, Joshua McCluskey, Marta Perales Tom Rickert, Chris Staron, Pam Siglski, Pam Sielski, Brian Stepp, Mike Sullivan, David Tomzik, Michelle Uting, Thomas Weaver, Tammy Wierciak (via phone),

1.0 Call to Order

Committee Chairman Ross Patronsky called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

Mr. Patronsky suggested agenda additions for two new project change requests, from McHenry County and Buffalo Grove, which will be handled as items 4.10 and 4.13 and a new item on deferred projects status will be added as 5.3.

Ms. Ostdick announced that the FHWA process review for addressing IDOT phase 1 engineering reviews and agreement processing has started. The current focus is on establishing the purpose and scope of the review. Members of the group include: IDOT, FHWA, CMAP and the counties.

Mr. Ferguson announced that CMAP will be hosting a regional peer exchange on Sept 17 & 18 to discuss the use of performance measures for capital programming. He will be presenting on the CMAQ program development process and use of performance measures within that process.

Mr. Carmitchel announced that Karen Shoup is the new Bureau Chief of Urban Program Planning at IDOT replacing Keith Sherman, and introduced Terry Heffron, a new area programmer in IDOT's District One office.

3.0 Approval of Minutes—July 12, 2012

On a motion by Mr. Pitstick and a second by Mr. Carmitchel, the minutes of the July 12, 2012 meeting were approved as presented.

4.0 Project Changes

4.1 Lake County DOT – Washington St/CH A22 at CN/Metra Crossing (TIP ID 10-08-0031)

Lake County requested an increase in federal share to 100 percent funding for construction which is an increase of \$4,235,000 federal. On a motion by Mr. Seglin and a second by Mr. Pitstick, it was voted to table this request as MAP-21 does not continue 100% funding levels after September 30, 2012; if a change in this policy is approved, then the request will be reconsidered.

4.2 Elk Grove – IL72/Higgins Road Overpass in Busse Woods (CMAQ ID BP03123695)

The Village requested to be brought off the Multi-year B List and moved in to the program at a 100 percent federal share for construction. The requested amount is \$3,925,000 federal. During the course of the discussion, Mr. Patronsky stated that projects should wait until they are ready to obligate to come off the MYB list. He also noted that the MYB list will be eliminated following adoption of the next CMAQ program of projects. On a motion by Mr. Seglin and a second by Mr. Snyder the request was tabled for consideration at a meeting closer to the time the funds are actually needed.

4.3 Algonquin – Randall Rd Pedestrian Crossing Bridge (TIP ID 11-12-0006)

The Village requested an increase to 100 percent funding for the phase II engineering, right of way (ROW) acquisition, and construction and will use local funds for phase I engineering instead of the CMAQ funds that are currently programmed for this phase. On a motion by Mr. Seglin and a second by Mr. Pitstick, it was voted to table this request as MAP-21 does not continue 100% funding levels after September 30, 2012; if a change in this policy is approved, then the request will be reconsidered.

4.4 Kane County DOT – Burlington Rd at IL 47 (TIP ID 09-06-0068)

The County requested a cost increase in the amount of \$1,250,000 (\$1,000,000 federal) for construction. On a motion by Mr. Snyder and a second by Mr. Rogers the request was approved.

4.5 Cook County Dept of Environmental Control – Cook County Fleet Diesel Retrofit (TIP ID 13-09-0001)

The sponsor requested to have the project removed from the deferred projects list and have \$663,135 in CMAQ funding restored for FFY 2013. Upon further review of this request and the CMAQ programming policies adopted in June, it was determined that Committee approval is not needed to bring projects off of the deferred projects list. Staff undertook this as an administrative change.

- 4.6 Tinley Park – 183rd St at Oak Park Ave (TIP ID 07-10-0001)**
The sponsor requested a cost increase in the amount of \$100,000 (\$80,000 federal) for phase I engineering. On a motion by Mayor Keller and a second by Mr. Snyder the request was approved.
- 4.7 Oswego – Mill Rd Multi-use Path (TIP ID 09-12-0008)**
The sponsor requested a scope change to move the eastern limit from Orchard Rd to Fox Chase Rd and a cost increase of \$119,776 (\$95,813 federal). On a motion by Mayor Keller and a second by Mr. Snyder, the request was approved.
- 4.8 Elmhurst – IL 56/Butterfield Rd at Commonwealth Ln (TIP ID 08-09-0011)**
The sponsor requested that ROW acquisition be added as an eligible phase which would be paid for with a transfer of \$95,000 (\$76,000 federal) from the construction phase. On a motion by Mr. Snyder and a second by Mr. Carmitchel, the request was approved.
- 4.9 Forest Preserve District of Cook County – Thorn Creek Bicycle Trail Completion (TIP ID 07-06-0058)**
The sponsor requested a cost increase in the amount of \$1,382,133 (\$1,105,707 federal). On a motion by Mr. Carmitchel and a second by Mr. Snyder, the request was approved
- 4.10 McHenry – IL 31 from McCullom Lake Rd to IL 120 (TIP ID 11-03-0007)**
The sponsor is requesting a cost increase in the amount of \$1,137,500 (\$910,000 federal) for construction and to move \$1.2 million (federal) from ROW acquisition to construction. In discussion of the particulars it was deemed that this request was premature. On a motion by Mr. Pitstick and a second by Mr. Snyder, the request was tabled.
- 4.11 Kane County DOT – Fabyan Pwy from Nagle Blvd to IL 25 (TIP ID 09-10-0003)**
The sponsor withdrew funding from ROW acquisition for the project in the amount of \$204,000 federal. Staff undertook this as an administrative change.
- 4.12 Kane County DOT – Main St at Nelson Lake Rd (TIP ID 09-08-0003)**
The sponsor withdrew funding from ROW acquisition and phase 2 engineering for the project in the amount of \$441,000 federal. Staff undertook this as an administrative change.
- 4.13 Buffalo Gove – Dundee Road Sidewalk (TIP ID 09-08-0003)**
The sponsor requested a cost increase of \$125,800 (\$100,640 federal) and 100% funding. On a motion by Mr. Carmitchel Mr. Pitstick and a second by Mr. Pitstick the request for a cost increase of \$100,640 (federal) was approved but the request for 100% funding was denied.

5.0 Program Monitoring

5.1 Programming Project Status Sheets

A recurring update report on the programming status of active projects and the line item changes since the last meeting of the Project Selection Committee was posted

with the agenda. Mr. Ferguson provided highlights of the report and answered questions.

5.2 Quarterly Transit Expenditure Updates

Staff had provided the analysis of 2nd Quarter 2012 transit expenditure status updates. Ms. Schaad provided highlights of the written report and answered questions. It was agreed to look more closely at the stalled projects during the discussion of the 3rd quarter update in December.

5.3 Deferred Projects Potential.

Staff provided a list of projects with phases that have a sunset year of FY 2012 and could potentially be deferred for failure to meet phase accomplishment goals by the end of the federal fiscal year. Each project phase listed will be included in the October Status Update effort to determine if the phase met its accomplishment goal. Staff will provide the list to the PLs and the other major implementers in advance of the October Status Updates. Project phases that have been deferred will be reported on at the next meeting.

6.0 Obligation Goals

Mr. Ferguson outlined two options for establishing an obligation goal for the CMAQ program: option one divides the unobligated balance evenly over four years; option two would ramp up the spend down of the unobligated balance using a larger percentage each year (15% in 2013; 25% in 2014; 30% in both 2015 and 2016). On a motion by Mr. Carmitchel and a second by Mr. Pitstick the Committee voted to use option two which sets the annual obligation goal for FY 2013 at \$123 M.

7.0 Program Focus Group updates

Mr. Murtha provided highlights on the recent work from three of the focus groups and reported that that the RTOC will meet on August 30th and discuss evaluation criteria and performance measures for the group's work on the upcoming call for projects; the Transit Focus Group will meet on September 12 and also will discuss evaluation criteria and performance measures; and the Bike/Ped Task Force will meet September 19 when they will discuss establishing priorities and criteria for evaluating projects in advance of the upcoming call for proposals. Mr. Patrosky reported that the Direct Emissions Reduction Focus Group met earlier in the day and developed draft recommendations for the upcoming call for projects application materials based on discussion at their July 12, 2012 meeting. Committee members asked to be kept apprised of the work of the focus groups.

8.0 MAP-21

Mr. Donovan of FHWA provided highlights of the new federal transportation bill, MAP-21, including new provisions regarding PM 2.5, new emphasis on performance measurement at both the State and MPO level, and the inability to authorize CMAQ funds at 100% federal after September 30th. He noted that there is specific language to encourage electric vehicles and capacity enhancement projects are eligible for CMAQ funds only to the extent they include an HOV component.

Other Business

Mr. McCluskey of IDOT outlined the state's outreach plans for the Multi Year Program. Mr. Snyder asked what the correct timing is to bring projects off of the B List and into the program. It was agreed to discuss that issue at the next meeting.

9.0 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

10.0 Next Meeting

The Committee's next meeting had been planned for November 15, but staff asked that the Committee plan on October 30th and December 6th instead. The committee agreed. Both meetings will be held at CMAP at 2:00 p.m.

11.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Douglas Ferguson
Committee Liaison
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